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Student Raps CIA Subsidy

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An officer of the National Student Association said here Friday that NSA has no objection to getting money from the federal government, but it does object to being subsidized by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Rick Stearns, a Stanford University senior on leave this year to serve as NSA vice-president for international affairs, said:

"All political systems contain a degree of covertness but there is a limit to the amount of covertness that an institution can contain and at the same time sustain its ideals."

HE CONTENDED that "using students to spy on other students is using means that endanger democracy toward ends that don't justify the debasement."

Stearns indicated that NSA officials feel that all funds should be offered and accepted overtly. All CIA subsidy was ended at the beginning of this year. Officers have pledged to return unspent CIA funds.

The student organization, which includes

more than 300 member colleges, has not lost any prestige or members as a result of the CIA controversy, Stearns said.

"IN REAL TERMS, we've lost no member schools since the controversy, and we've had 12 join." New member schools include Southern Methodist University, which voted to affiliate with NSA after the announcement of its activities with the CIA.

Stearns predicted that NSA will emerge as a stronger organization as a result of the disentanglement and controversy which accompanied it.

"Once the accusation was made, we didn't feel we could preserve the integrity of the organization unless we discussed it openly, and said, by and large, that it was true."

Stearns was interviewed at the Statler Hilton Hotel following his participation on a panel at the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors convention discussing the topic "New Perspective on the Student's Relationship to the College and University."

He told the deans that "students should

have complete control over student affairs" and some voice in administration policies and curriculum.

"STUDENTS ARE ENTITLED to a certain amount of privacy and responsibility. Part of the educational process is learning how to govern one's life. The management of the private life of a student should be up to the student himself."

Stearns admitted that "some students don't want to govern themselves. People have to be prepared to assume responsibility," he said.



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